

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER
Board Meeting Notes
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2022

Convened: 5:01 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President, Brian Violi, and followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call: Mandy Minnick was absent.

Featured Program: Superintendent, Mr. Randy Griffith, reviewed Mrs. Stephanie Wilfong's history, qualifications, and comments. Mr. Griffith escorted the Board down to the Early Childhood Education lab where he introduced Mrs. Wilfong. Mrs. Wilfong gave a presentation highlighting the Early Childhood Education program.

Acceptance and approval of Board meeting agenda for March 17, 2022, as presented on BoardPaq.

Acceptance and approval of the minutes for the February 17, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

The following visitors were received: Mr. Stephen Smith, MCCEA President, and Mr. Tim Moon.
Present: Mr. Randy Griffith, Superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Seckman, Treasurer.

Board President, Bonnie Lovejoy, did not have anything to report.

Legislative Liaison, Mary Kaley, reported on the following:

- Governor, Mike DeWine, signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 9. The bill requires the Ohio Department of Education and other state agencies to reduce regulatory restrictions by 30% by 2025. The bill also includes an appropriation of \$9 million to assist local boards of elections with administering the May 3 primary election.
- Governor, Mike DeWine, signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 11. The bill makes changes to paid leave for Juneteenth. It requires school districts to grant regular nonteaching school employees who are employed on an 11-to-12-month basis paid leave and removes the requirement that school districts grant paid leave to regular nonteaching school employees who are employed on a nine-to-10-month basis. Additionally, the bill modifies the procedures for uniformed services and overseas absentee voting in the 2022 primary election and makes an appropriation.
- The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 583, which would require the State Board of Education to issue a temporary short-term substitute teaching license to an approved applicant who will teach five or fewer consecutive days in the same classroom. The bill also would require the State Board to issue a temporary substitute teaching license to an approved applicant who will teach six or more consecutive days in the same classroom, if certain requirements are met, and allow a student teacher to work as a substitute teacher for up to five days. Lastly, the bill would sunset these temporary provisions after June 30, 2025.
- The House Transportation and Public Safety Committee held a second hearing on House Bill (HB) 465, which would require the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to notify any school impacted by an additional state highway or a significant change to a state highway or other street or roadway. The bill also would require the ODOT director, or any person preparing a traffic safety study for ODOT, to consider the impact of a proposed project on traffic through a designated school zone and evaluate any increase or decrease of traffic through a designated school zone.
- Governor, Mike DeWine, signed into law House Bill (HB) 51. The bill allows a public body, including a board of education, to temporarily meet remotely until June 30, 2022. It also revises the process for adjusting property values due to instances that result in injury or destruction to the property and includes federal tax law conformity provisions. Both the ability for a public body to meet remotely and the federal tax law provisions took immediate effect.
- House Bill (HB) 73 is scheduled to be heard by the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. It is in regards to the college and work ready assessment test. It would require school districts to form work groups to evaluate the amount of time students spend on testing, and to eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

- House Bill (HB) 322 is in committee hearing in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is in regards to the teaching of certain current events and certain concepts regarding race and sex in public schools.
- House Bill (HB) 400 was introduced August 24, 2021. It would prohibit public schools from requiring students to wear a mask or other facial covering on school premises or a school bus and to declare an emergency.
- House Bill (HB) 477 was introduced November 1, 2021. It would prevent expulsion from school and termination from employment based on COVID-19 vaccination status.
- House Bill (HB) 497 was introduced November 29, 2021. It would eliminate retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
- House Bill (HB) 538 was introduced January 24, 2022. It would provide temporary authority, expiring July 1, 2022, for members of a public body to meet by means of teleconference or video conference, and to declare an emergency.

Student Achievement Liaison, Joan Seman, reported on the following:

- OSBA's *Student Success* in-depth – *New research updates what's important in a quality preschool program:* A study on early childhood education conducted in Tennessee for more than a decade showed some surprising results. The students included 2,990 children from families of low income who applied to free, public prekindergarten programs. Some students were admitted by lottery, and the others were rejected. Both sets of children were followed through sixth grade. At the end of their first year, the children who went to pre-K scored higher on school readiness, as expected. But after third grade, they were doing worse than the control group. And at the end of sixth grade, they were doing even worse. They had lower test scores, were more likely to be in special education and were more likely to have discipline problems. A follow-up study indicated that pre-K children from homes of means engaged in play-based activities featuring art, music, movement and nature, while the experience of students who lived in poverty featured classroom settings with teachers talking quite a bit, worksheets, and drills for basic skills.

Superintendent, Randy Griffith, reported on the following:

- Maplewood stopped requiring masks on February 18, 2022, and stopped using the temperature monitoring machines earlier this week. Maplewood has not had any new COVID-19 cases for approximately seven weeks.
- The construction project is moving along. Construction meetings have been taking place every other Tuesday.
- Maplewood reserved the MAC Center at Kent State University, a year ago, to hold the Senior Awards Ceremony on June 2, 2022. Two weeks ago, Kent State University informed us the MAC Center will not be available because they are having the floors refinished starting on June 1, 2022. Maplewood will hold a drive through Senior Celebration on either Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., or Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The date of event will depend upon the weather forecast. Mr. Griffith did an all call informing families. He received a few emails, which he responded to.
- Board member, Heather Hakin, visited Maplewood on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Mr. Griffith took her on a tour of the building and programs. They had lunch in the Mapleleaf.
- Maplewood had an open house to market the HVAC program in the evening on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Seven students signed up for the program prior to the open house.
- Mr. Griffith interviewed and chose an instructor for the Optical Technology program. An open house to market the program is being planned. Optical Technology jobs are in high demand. Mr. Griffith has been contacted by State organizations offering to help start the program.
- Mr. Griffith reviewed the Day School Report – End of year events; National Honor Society on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria; Senior Awards Ceremony either June 2, 2022, or June 4, 2022, depending on weather; Student Youth Organization Competitions yearly achievement report; and February Students of the Month, Junior, Amanda Adkins, Early Childhood Education, Streetsboro, and Senior, Hannah Fortney, Animal Science, Garfield.

The following recommendations were made by the Treasurer and motions were acted on by the Board:

- The District Financial Report was approved and filed for audit for the month of February, 2022.
- The expenditures were approved for the month of February, 2022.
- The investments were ratified for the month of February, 2022.
- The bank reconciliations were ratified for the month of February, 2022.

- Approved participation in the Ohio Schools Council Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating for the rating period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.
- Approved a \$3,000 advance to the Adult Education Fund.
- Approved FY2022 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and FY2022 Amended Appropriations.
- Approved entering into an agreement with the Local Government Services Section of the Auditor of the State of Ohio for the compilation of the Annual Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2022.
- **Informational Items:** FY2020 & FY2021 Financial Audit; OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference, March 28, 2022, Dilucia's Banquet Room in Warren; NSBA Annual Conference, April 2-4, 2022, San Diego, California; OSBA Board Leadership Institute, May 6-7, 2022, Hilton Columbus / Polaris; Ohio ACTE Annual Innovation & Impact Conference, July 25-27, 2022, Hilton Columbus / Easton.

The following recommendations were made by the Superintendent and motions were acted on by the Board:

- Accepted two resignations: Nancy Reedy, effective June 30, 2022; and Nicole Chaffin-Bragg, effective February 23, 2022.
- Accepted three donations.
- Reviewed 2022-2023 Student Handbook.
- Approved "Take Your Child to Work Day" for Thursday, April 28, 2022.

New Business:

- Authorized the Superintendent to hire legal counsel as necessary: Walter|Haverfield, Attorneys at Law, Cleveland; and Gingo & Blair Law, LLC, Independence.
- Approved ratification of the negotiated agreement with the MCCA for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.
- Approved ratification of the excluded classified personnel benefit document for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.
- Approved approve ratification of the administrative personnel benefit document for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Unfinished Business:

- Approved an amended agreement with Whitehouse Construction Services Co., as Construction Manager at Risk, of the Maplewood Career Center - 2022 Capital Improvement project.

Executive Session: (5:49 p.m. – 6:06 p.m.)

Adjourned: 6:06 p.m.